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OPENING OF HEAD POST OFFICE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to open Head Post Office in every district of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of districts in the country having no Head Post Office, State-wise; and

(d) the number of districts in the country where Head Post Offices are targetted to be opened during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) It is the policy of the Government to open a Head Post Office in every district of the country, subject to fulfillment of prescribed norms.
(c) A State-wise list of Districts having no Head Post Office is given in Annexure.
(d) As and when prescribed norms are fulfilled, Head Office can be opened. Therefore, no specific targets are fixed. Where opening of a Head Post Office is not justified in a district as per the prescribed norms, Mukhya Dark Ghars are set up by converting a suitable Sub Post Office not below the status of lower selection grade, which provide all counter services similar to those of Head Post Offices to the Public, in a self contained manner.

ANNEXURE

STATE-WISE LIST OF DISTRICTS WITHOUT HEAD POST OFFICES

Sl.No.	States	No. of Districts without Head Post Offices
1.	Assam	05
2.	Andhra Pradesh	00
3.	Bihar	10
4.	Chhattisgarh	07
5.	Delhi	00
6.	Gujarat	02
7	Haryana	05
8.	Himachal Pradesh	00
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	07
10.	Jharkhand	11
11.	Karnataka	00
12.	Kerala	02
13.	Madhya Pradesh	07
14.	Maharashtra	04
15.	Goa	01
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	13
17.	Manipur	08

18.	Meghalaya	05
19.	Mizoram	07
20.	Nagaland	10
21.	Tripura	01
22.	Orissa	06
23.	Punjab	04
24.	Rajasthan	01
25.	Tamilnadu	00
26.	Uttar Pradesh	01
27.	Uttaranchal	06
28.	West Bengal	02
29.	Sikkim	03

Total	128